

SENATE BILL 1891

By Campfield

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 16  
and Title 40, relative to private probation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 16-3-905, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

16-3-905.

(a) The council shall consist of the following seven (7) voting members:

(1) Four (4) members who shall be appointed to serve for four-year terms as follows:

(A) One (1) criminal court judge who shall be appointed by the president of the Tennessee judicial conference, representing a judicial district within which one (1) or more private entities provide probation services; and

(B) Three (3) general sessions court judges who shall be appointed by the president of the Tennessee general sessions judges conference, representing counties within which one (1) or more private entities provide probation services; and

(2) Three (3) members who shall be appointed by the governor to serve four-year terms as follows:

(A) One (1) publicly employed probation officer;

(B) One (1) private probation officer or individual with expertise in private probation service by virtue of training or employment; and

(C) One (1) county commissioner.

(b) Subsequent vacancies on the council shall be filled in the same manner as initially filled.

(c) In making the appointments pursuant to this section, the appointing authorities shall strive to ensure that the council is composed of members who are diverse in professional or educational background, ethnicity, race, gender, geographic residency, heritage, perspective and experience.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.